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## HR 10, HD 1 and HR 174, HD 1 REQUESTING REVIEW OF FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS

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HR 10, HD 1 and HR 174, HD 1 would request review of the fish and game regulations of the Department of Land and Natural Resources by that Department. This statement on the resolutions does not reflect an institutional position of the University.

Several amendments to the fish and game laws that authorize the regulations in question have been considered in public hearings during session of the Legislature. It appears from testimony at these hearings that the regulations and the underlying laws are unnecessarily complex. One of the bills considered would provide for increases in the penalties for violations of the regulations, increases that the resolution considers necessary. The hearings on the bill indicate, however, that there are also inconsistencies among the penalties unjustified by the differences among the consequences of the violations. Another of the bills would extend the DLNR regulatory power over commercial fishing to commercial limu harvesting by defining limu as fish. The definition of limu as fish is absurd, and the regulations pertaining to commercial fishing do not fit the needs for regulating limu harvest. Testimony on these and two other bills indicates lack of comprehensive plans for managing the fish and game resources of the State.

Hence, the review called for in the regulations here considered is highly appropriate. It should extend however, to the underlying statutes as well as the DLNR regulations.